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July 11, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL BRANCH TO SUPPORT TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on May 10, 2016 to accept and implement a forthcoming Letter of Award (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health - Tuberculosis Control Branch (CDPH-TBCB) to support tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control services for the anticipated period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at an amount not to exceed \$1,936,231, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept a LOA from CDPH-TBCB, dated June 23, 2016, in the total amount of \$1,936,231, consisting of a Base Award of \$1,699,377 and an allotment of up to \$236,854 for food, shelter, incentives, and enablers (FSIE), for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The LOA will support the personnel costs of 15 Department of Public Health (DPH) TB Control Program and Community Health Services staff. The FSIE allotment will provide support for lodging, meals, food and grocery store coupons, and transportation tokens and passes for Los Angeles County TB patients to enhance treatment adherence, prevent homelessness, and allow the use of less restrictive alternatives that decrease or obviate the need for civil detention of the patient in a medical or inpatient setting.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the LOA as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the LOA include provisions requiring the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses related to this LOA. These are standard requirements from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

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Should DPH exceed the FSIE allotment, the LOA indicates that additional funds may be requested and approved, subject to the availability of funds.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor